

ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING TO LIMIT THE THREAT OF COVID-19

While we steadfastly remain committed to making every Funeral Masses personal and prayerful, some changes are necessary to heighten the safety of everyone in this time of pandemic. Thank you for your patient understanding during this crisis.

- Funeral Directors must wear face coverings, and everyone is strongly encouraged to do so. The priest will wear a face covering entering and exiting church and for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Funeral Masses are live-streamed, and the link will be on the parish website homepage.
- The casket will be brought straight into the church and placed immediately in front of the altar by the Funeral Directors. Pallbearers will not be used in church.
- Everyone is asked to use hand-sanitizer upon entering the church before being seated.
- Only those who are living together are able to sit together and all others are asked to keep a minimum physical distance of 6'.
- To minimize people in the altar area, the parish will provide lectors to proclaim the Scripture readings and the petitions. *Families still are invited to select Scripture reading and write petitions if you wish.*
- Because congregational singing is discouraged, music selections will be limited with a preference for instrumental and solo hymns.
- There will be no gifts brought forward at the time of preparation.
 - Everyone is asked not to hold hands during the *Our Father* and the *Sign of Peace* will be omitted.
- Only the Sacred Host will be distributed to Catholics receiving Holy Communion and you are strongly encouraged to receive the Sacred Host in your hand.
- After the Funeral Mass, the casket will be brought straight to the funeral hearse. Everyone is asked to avoid congregating afterwards in church, instead making your way directly outside.